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LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 16 to 23 August 1993.

16 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah, Khidr, Salman, Busayyah and Ushbayjah.

17 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Samawah, Salman and Jalibah.

At 1310 hours on 17 August 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It overflew Nasiriyah, Qal'at Sukkar, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Samawah, Jalibah and Khidr. It left at 1458 hours towards the Hafr al-Batin area in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

18 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, Ushbayjah, Lasaf, Jabayish, Artawi and Salman.

19 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dukan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

20 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Salman, Suq al-Shuyukh, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

21 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Ayn Zalah, Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Artawi, Qurnah, Samawah, Shatrah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Khidr and Qal'at Salih.

22 August 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was reported in the region on 22 August 1993.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Amarah and Qurnah.

23 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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